GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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EFFECTS OF ADVERTISEMENTS ON ECOLOGY
HANNAN MOLLAH;SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 500 million year old rocks in Chhattisgarh along the Kankar Rd. upto Keskal in Bastar have been defaced with advertisements of a Cement Company;

(b) if so, whether it is in violation of the ruling of the Supreme Court in the case of defacement of rocks along the Rohtang-Manali bye-pass;

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) to (d) In compliance to the order of the Supreme Court dated: 23-9-2002 in I.A. No.780 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202 of 1995, the Central Government has sought the information from all the States and Union Territories regarding rock paintings and hoardings in forest lands in a prescribed format. In response, the Government of Chhattisgarh has submitted `Nil` information on 9-10-2002.